

# Ascon Landfill Site Huntington Beach

July 25, 2005

## WORK NOTICE

### ***Excavation And Transport of Landfill Material And Soil To Strengthen Berms***

During the week of July 25, workers will begin removing lagoon material and soil behind the earthen berm next to Hamilton Avenue on the Ascon Landfill site. The material will be transported by lined and covered trucks to a permitted disposal site in either the San Fernando Valley or north of Bakersfield, California. The estimated start date of July 25 is dependent on getting the required City approval and permits.

This work is part of an emergency action to strengthen the earthen berms, which may have been weakened during the heavy rainfall earlier this year. The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) determined this work was needed to prevent a possible release of hazardous material from the lagoons on site. The lagoon material is mostly drilling muds disposed of at the site during its operation from 1938-1984. In June a fact sheet was distributed with details of the action, and a community meeting was held on July 6. Below is a description of the emergency removal work:

- **Excavation location:** Landfill material and soil will be removed from the north side of the property, near Hamilton Avenue.
- **Work hours:** Monday through Saturday, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
- **Truck hours:** Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Truck route:**
  - *Empty trucks* will arrive at the site from the 405 Freeway by traveling south on Beach Boulevard to Pacific Coast Highway (PCH), south on PCH and north on Newland Avenue to Hamilton Avenue, and enter the site at the Hamilton gate.
  - *Loaded trucks* will exit the site from the southeast corner of the property on Magnolia Street and continue south to PCH, then west to Beach Boulevard and north to the 405 Freeway.

- **Truck route safety:** Flagmen will be posted at both gates during truck entry and exit, with traffic controls and signs in the area of the work along Hamilton Avenue and Magnolia Street. In response to concerns raised by residents at the community meeting, additional safety measures will be taken along Magnolia Street to protect pedestrians. Based on City approval, this may include placing K-rails along parts of the street. K-rails are temporary concrete barriers to separate pedestrians from the vehicle traffic.
- **Number of truck trips:** Up to 90 trucks per day, although actual truck traffic will probably be less.
- **Amount of material to be removed:** Up to approximately 70,000 cubic yards of landfill material and soil will be transported from the site.
- **Dust and air quality control:** Dust and air quality will be monitored closely during the work to control potential dust, odors, or emissions. Dust and odor suppressants such as water and special foam will be applied continually. Air monitoring stations have been placed at the perimeter of the site, including the southeast corner as requested by residents at the community meeting. Additionally, air quality technicians with hand-held monitors will be taking readings directly in the work areas.
- **Handling of soil:** After sampling, the excavated soil will be loaded into trucks. The trucks will be lined, tarped, brushed clean (without water), and visually inspected before leaving the site.
- **Worker protection:** Workers will wear personal protective equipment, such as hard hats, safety glasses, and steel-toed boots, as needed.

**Ascon Landfill Site Hotline  
714-388-1833,**

Call this number if you have questions about the work or to report non-emergency concerns. Emergencies involving the site should be reported to 911.

If you would like to contact DTSC for more information, please call Kim Foreman, Public Participation Specialist, at 714-484-5324, or email her at [KForeman@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:KForeman@dtsc.ca.gov). You may also call J.T. Liu, Project Supervisor, at 714-484-5463, or email him at [JLiu@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:JLiu@dtsc.ca.gov). The June 2005 fact sheet, as well as other Ascon documents, are also available on the DTSC website at: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Ascon/index.html>.

